

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. ~~40-11~~ of the accompanying drawings is a drawing showing in schematic form of a conventional information management system. In the past, application packages such as an enterprise resource planning (ERP) aims at generalizing the business practice based on existing successful introductions of ERP so that it could be used by other companies, and reflecting what is called "best practice", associated algorithms being encompassed within the package or within a standard package database.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

In the system configuration shown in Fig. ~~40-11~~, when the order inflow process undergoes a change, the individual functions (modules) within the ERP package and even the table structure of the associated database needed to be changed. If the business process is a new process, and in the case in which it is difficult to add a new table or change a table, for example, there are cases in which the change cannot be achieved.